

Thomas A. Hendricks Papers

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1825-1949, bulk 1873-1879

2 folders, 3 os. folders

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Biographical Note:

Thomas Andrews Hendricks was born on September 7, 1819, near Zanesville, Ohio, and moved with his family to Madison, Indiana, while still a child. He graduated from Hanover College in 1841 and studied law in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1843. In 1845, he married Eliza C. Morgan with whom he had one child. Hendricks was active in Democratic politics throughout his life. He served as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives during the 1848-1849 session and as a delegate to the Indiana constitutional convention in 1850. He also served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1851-1855) and of the U.S. Senate (1863-1869). Hendricks was elected Governor of Indiana in 1873 and held that office until 1876. He won the Democratic nomination for Vice-President in 1876 and 1884, but he and Governor Samuel J. Tilden of New York lost the 1876 election. Hendricks became Vice-President in 1885, but died only nine months after taking office on November 25, 1885.

Source:

Indiana Governor Thomas Andrews Hendricks. Indiana Historical Bureau. 16 Dec. 2005.
<<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/ihb/govportraits/hendrickst.html>>.

Shepherd, Rebecca A., Charles W. Calhoun, Elizabeth Shanahan-Shoemaker, and Alan F. January, comp. A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly, Volume 1, 1816-1899. Indianapolis: The Select Committee on the Centennial History of the Indiana General Assembly, 1980.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists primarily of Hendricks' correspondence as well as a few receipts and checks. A speech given by his nephew Thomas at a Thomas A. Hendricks Memorial Celebration at Thomas A. Hendricks School in Shelbyville, Indiana is also included. The oversized portion of the collection consists of resolutions passed by various communities and organizations after Hendricks' death

Correspondents include William English, Benjamin Harrison, Governor Samuel J. Tilden of New York, and Lew Wallace. However, each has only one letter in the collection. The collection is organized chronologically.

Item Listing:

Folder 1. *Correspondence and papers, 1825-1884, n.d.*

1825 Jan. 15	Thomas Hendricks to John McNary, ALS
1838 Aug. 6	Statement of the polls of the annual election in Decatur County
1852 June 30	Photocopy of a military land warrant issued to John Kirk
1856 Dec. 9	Thomas Hendricks to General Wright, ALS
1857 Feb. 6	Thomas Hendricks to E. H. Pritchett, ALS
1861 May 28	Subscription paper for equipping the Greensburgh Cadets
1873 Mar. 4	Isaac P. Gray to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1873 Mar. 5	A. S. Porter to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1873 Mar. 6	D. [Furkie] to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1873 Mar. 6	William English to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1873 Mar. 11	J. B. McDonald to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1873 Nov. 15	Lew Wallace to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1874 Feb. 14	S. S. Cox to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1874 Feb. 18	J. B. McDonald to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1874 Apr. 11	Daniel Macauley to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1874 Sept. 16	Thomas Hendricks giving support to public demonstration and parade in connection
	with the State Exposition, ALS
1874 Dec. 4	Indianapolis Insurance Company check endorsed by Thomas Hendricks
1875 Jan. 26	Indianapolis insurance company issued to St. Paul's Church by Thomas Hendricks
1875 May 6	Conrad Baker to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1875 Sept. 18	Fitz John Porter to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1875 Dec. 15	Claude Matthews to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1876 June 28	Telegram from John Love to Thomas Hendricks
1876 June 28	Telegram from Thomas Hendricks to John Love
1876 June 29	Telegram from Thomas Hendricks to Governor Tilden of New York
1876 July 27	Thomas J. Scott to Thomas Hendricks with enclosed poem written by Scott, ALS
1876 Aug. 10	Thomas Hendricks to Nathan [Capen] , ALS
1876 Oct. 12	Telegram from A. G. Curtin to Thomas Hendricks
1876 Dec. 11	Benjamin Harrison to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1876 Dec. 22	A. C. Ayers to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1877 May 31	Receipt from the Bates House
1877 Sept. 21	Bank check to Drexel & Co. from Thomas Hendricks
1879 April 21	Thomas Hendricks to Governor Bishop, ALS

187?	J. [C. Dewey] to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1883 Jan. 3	Isaac P. Gray to Thomas Hendricks, ALS
1883 June 13	Thomas Hendricks to William Woollen, ALS
1884 July 18	Thomas Hendricks to Nathan [Capen] , ALS
Apr. 2	Thomas Hendricks to [?], ALS
Folder 2. <i>Memorial resolutions and speech about him</i>	
1885 Nov. 27	Resolution adopted by the Common Council, Shelbyville, Indiana, on the death of Thomas A. Hendricks
1885 Dec. 1 for the	Public Expression of Esteem by the People of Meridian, Mississippi,
1949 May 11 nephew,	Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks Speech from Thomas A. Hendricks Memorial Celebration by his Thomas A. Hendricks
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1885 Nov. 28 Illinois	Memorial resolution passed upon Hendricks' death in Galesburg,
<u>OBC 74</u>	
1885 Nov. 30 County, New York,	Memorial resolution passed upon Hendricks' death in Richmond by the Board of Supervisors
1885 Dec. 1 by the	Memorial resolution passed upon Hendricks' death in Atlanta, Georgia, Chamber of Commerce
<u>OBD 5</u>	
1885 Dec. 3 York, by the	Memorial resolution passed upon Hendricks' death in Albany, New Young Men's Democratic Club

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